

Remarks

Claims 1 and 10-22 were pending and under consideration.

Claim 20 is canceled.

Claims 1 and 10-19 are amended.

Claims 23-32 are added.

Claims 1, 10-19 and 21-32 will be pending upon entry of this amendment.

Claims 1 and 23 are independent.

There are now 23 claims in total. The original application contained 22 claims. A fee letter is attached for the additional claim.

The present claims are amended to delete "or R_{51} and R_{52} together form a C_{2-12} heterocyclic ring..." Thus, the groups R_{51} and R_{52} together may not form a ring in the present claims.

Claims 1 and 10-19 are also amended to delete "recording material". These claims are now aimed at ink jet inks and ink jet systems. The definition of ink jet systems is taken from original claim 20, which is now deleted as redundant.

New claims 23-32 correspond to original claims 1, 10-14 and 16-19 respectively. New claims 23-32 are aimed at ink jet recording material. The recording material is required to have a coating layer which is able to absorb ink, where the coating layer comprises the hydroxylamine salts. Support for said coating layer is found in the specification, page 29, first and fifth paragraphs.

No new matter is added with the present amendments.

Claim Rejections

Applicants note with appreciation that the previous rejections are withdrawn. New rejections apply.

Claims 1, 10-14 and 16-19 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Seltzer, et al., U.S. published app. No. 20020088574.

Claims 1, 10-14 and 16-19 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Seltzer, et al., U.S. published app. No. 20020174964.

Claims 1, 10-14 and 16-19 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Seltzer, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,599,326.

Applicants note that claims 15 and 20, aimed at ink jet inks and ink jet systems comprising a recording material and an ink, are not rejected over these references. Claims 1 and 10-19 are now aimed at ink jet inks and ink jet systems.

New claims 23-32 are aimed at ink jet recording material that is required to have a coating layer which is able to absorb ink.

Applicants submit that the limitations of these new claims are not met by the Seltzer references and are not anticipated thereby.

Applicants submit that these 35 USC 102(b) are addressed and are overcome.

Claims 1, 10, 11, 15, 16 and 20-22 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oki, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,811,597.

Claims 1, 10, 11, 15, 16 and 20-22 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kitamura, et al., U.S. published app. No. 20030070582.

Claims 1, 15, 17, 18 and 21 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Oki, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 6,676,735.

These three references discloses cyclic amine compounds.

The present claims as amended do not allow for cyclic hydroxylamines.

Thus, the 35 USC 103(a) rejections are addressed and are overcome.

In light of the present amendments and the above discussion, Applicants submit that each of the 35 USC 102(b) and 35 USC 103(a) rejections are addressed and are overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Applicants submit that the present claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully request that they be found allowable.

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Attachment: fee letter for additional claim